

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 29, 2015

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 7:51 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Stephen Clay
Aaron Freeman
Frank Mascari
William Oliver
Marilyn Pfisterer
Leroy Robinson
Christine Scales
Joseph Simpson

Absent Members

Benjamin Hunter

PROPOSAL NO. 124, 2015 - approves an additional appropriation of \$505,122 in the 2015 Budget of the Marion County Clerk (County General Fund) funded by a transfer from the Marion Superior Court for reassignment of employees in compliance with the rules of the State Board of Accounts
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 125, 2015 - approves a transfer of \$31,500 in the 2015 Budget of the Marion County Circuit Court (County General Fund) for contractual services and office furniture
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 126, 2015 - approves additional appropriations totaling \$281,000 in the 2015 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Animal Care and Control and Homeland Security Divisions (City Cumulative Capital Fund) to purchase a mobile medical unit and update, maintain and repair the City-County outdoor emergency warning siren system
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 127, 2015 - corrects Fiscal Ordinance No. 4, 2015 (Proposal No. 22, 2015) reallocating \$2,456,229 in the 2015 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD General Fund and IMPD Recruit Subfund) to account for accurate available funds to cover the salaries and benefits of new IMPD recruits
“Do Pass as Amended” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 128, 2015 - amends Sec. 279 of the Code regarding Police Merit Board member selection and the hiring, promoting and disciplining of police officers
“Postpone” until May 20, 2015

Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 129, 2015 - amends Sec. 252 of the Code regarding the hiring, promoting and disciplining of firefighters and changing the provision for death leave for firefighters in the non-suppression division
“Postpone” until May 20, 2015

Vote: 9-0

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Electric Cars – Jeremiah Shirk, Department of Public Works Special Projects Assistant

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The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Stephen Clay, Aaron Freeman, Frank Mascari, William Oliver, Marilyn Pfisterer, Leroy Robinson, Christine Scales, and Joseph Simpson. Councillor Benjamin Hunter was absent. Council Chief Financial Officer, Bart Brown represented Council staff.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to rearrange the agenda to hear Proposal Nos. 128 and 129 first. Consent was given

PROPOSAL NO. 128, 2015 - amends Sec. 279 of the Code regarding Police Merit Board member selection and the hiring, promoting and disciplining of police officers

PROPOSAL NO. 129, 2015 - amends Sec. 252 of the Code regarding the hiring, promoting and disciplining of firefighters and changing the provision for death leave for firefighters in the non-suppression division

Chair Moriarty Adams stated that Proposal Nos. 128 and 129 are not ready to be presented and suggested they be heard at a later date.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Freeman, to “Postpone” Proposal Nos. 128 and 129, 2015, until May 20, 2015. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 124, 2015 - approves an additional appropriation of \$505,122 in the 2015 Budget of the Marion County Clerk (County General Fund) funded by a transfer from the Marion Superior Court for reassignment of employees in compliance with the rules of the State Board of Accounts

Sue Patterson, Director of Finances, Marion Superior Court (MSC), stated that in 2010, MSC accepted a transfer of employees from the Marion County Clerk’s Office (MCCO) for the Arrestee Processing Center (APC) and the Court Violations Bureau (CVB), since it began taking funds for traffic tickets. In 2014, MSC learned that it did not have the statutory authority to collect the funds from traffic tickets, as it is the statutory responsibility of MCCO. Ms. Patterson stated because of this, MSC will need to transfer the employees back to MCCO in order to stay in compliance with the State Board of Accounts.

Councillor Simpson moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 124, 2015, to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 125, 2015 - approves a transfer of \$31,500 in the 2015 Budget of the Marion County Circuit Court (County General Fund) for contractual services and office furniture

Ms. Patterson stated that there are a number of issues within the Circuit Court that require lobbying the Legislature. She stated that Circuit Court Judge Sheryl Lynch feels that it is the best interest of the Circuit Court to hire a firm to do the lobbying on her behalf. At total of \$30,000 is needed to cover the contractual service. The additional \$1,500 will be used to purchase new chairs for the court offices.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if the transfer will affect Character 01 considering the 27th pay. Ms. Patterson responded in the negative.

Councillor Simpson moved, seconded by Councillor Freeman, to send Proposal No. 125, 2015, to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 126, 2015 - approves additional appropriations totaling \$281,000 in the 2015 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Animal Care and Control and Homeland Security Divisions (City Cumulative Capital Fund) to purchase a mobile medical unit and update, maintain and repair the City-County outdoor emergency warning siren system

Dennis Papenmeier, Director, Indianapolis Animal Care and Control (IACC), stated that the agency is requesting \$45,000 to go towards the purchase of a mobile medical unit. He stated that the agency now has a veterinarian on staff that needs the correct tools to work efficiently.

Councillor Pfisterer asked why the agency needs a mobile unit as opposed to performing the services within the IACC facility. Mr. Papenmeier stated that the agency facility does not have enough space to provide a dedicated and sanitary environment to perform various services, such as surgeries.

TJ Edwards, Assistant Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager, Division of Homeland Security (DHS), stated that DHS is requesting \$240,000 from the City Cumulative Capital Fund to update, maintain and repair the City's outdoor emergency warning siren system. The current system was purchased in 2007 through a bond issue, which covered a variety of projects, including the outdoor warning system. Currently, there are 171 sirens, each of which takes four batteries to power them in case of an electrical outage.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked whether the agency is requesting \$240,000, as stated by Ms. Edwards, or \$236,000, as stated in the proposal. Matthew Kimmick, Controller, Office of Finance and Management (OFM), stated that the appropriation is for \$236,000.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Mascari, to send Proposal No. 126, 2015, to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 127, 2015 - corrects Fiscal Ordinance No. 4, 2015 (Proposal No. 22, 2015) reallocating \$2,456,229 in the 2015 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD General Fund and IMPD Recruit Subfund) to account for accurate available funds to cover the salaries and benefits of new IMPD recruits

Mr. Kimmick stated that this proposal addresses the correction of technical issues that appeared as a result of the amendment to Proposal No. 22, 2015. He stated that while going through the accounting and making the different entries for that proposal, it was noticed that there were not enough funds available in terms of how the allocation occurred. Because of this, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) asked that the funds be moved into Characters 01 and 04. Mr. Kimmick stated that the amendment to the current proposal before the committee will transfer \$1.2 million to Character 01 and \$1.3 million to Character 04.

Councillor Simpson moved, seconded by Councillor Mascari, to "Amend" Proposal No. 127, 2015, as detailed in Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Councillor Simpson moved, seconded by Councillor Freeman, to send Proposal No. 127, 2015, to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

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With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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